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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 5, 2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

1. Claims 2 and 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Budinski et al. (6,305,194) in view of Shimizu et al. (JP 60-171234). Budinski et al. disclose a method for molding lens by heating and compressing a lens preform between oppositely placed first and second cores (102, 104), each having an end tip comprising a compression molding surface, wherein at least one of the molding surfaces comprises depressions formed on the surfaces for transferring and molding a plurality of convex or concave elements (Fig. 5 col. 1 lines 40-49), while under vacuum (col. 7 lines 4-6). However, Budinski et al. fail to teach of an intermediate member and the positioning of the member with respect to the molding cores. Shimizu et al. teach a first (2') and second (1') molding cores with end tips, an intermediate member (3) comprising a

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predetermined outer radial dimension and an opening with a predetermined radius, wherein the outer radial dimension being greater than an outermost radial dimension of both the first and second cores, and the end tip of the first molding core have a radially outer dimension that is smaller than the radius of the opening of the intermediate member (drawings 3 & 4, abstract). Also, the end tip of the second molding core has a radially outer dimension that is larger than the radius of the opening of the intermediate member and smaller than the outer radial dimensions of the intermediate member, so that the intermediate member is positioned on a platform formed on the end tip of a second molding core (1'), wherein a center of axis of the second molding core is collinear with a center of axis of the intermediate member. Shimizu et al. also position the lens preform (10) and the end tip of first molding core (2') in the opening of the intermediate member, so that the end tip opposes the end tip of the second molding core and a center axis of the first molding core is collinear with the center axis of the second molding core (abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the intermediate member of Shimizu et al. in the molding process of Budinski et al. in order to prevent the inclination of the molding die surfaces as taught by Shimizu et al.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 5 and 6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Queenie Dehghan whose telephone number is (571)272-8209. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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